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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8758

INFO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MEXICO

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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SUMMARY. SAG WILL CONSULT WITH APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND ADVISE
EMBASSY IF THEY WILLING TO MAKE PARALLEL APPROACH TO JAPANESE RE
IWC OBJECTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTTEL, EMBASSY APPROACHED RESPONSIBLE DFA

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OFFICIAL (STERBAN) TO NOTE OUR CONCERN OVER JAPANESE ACTION AND

TO REQUEST SAG MAKE PARALLEL APPROACH URGING GOJ RECONSIDERATION.
AFTER NOTING THAT SAG HAD NOT (RPT NOT) RECEIVED NOTE FROM
JAPANESE, STERBAN SAID THAT DECISION ON POSSIBLE SAG ACTION COULD
NOT (RPT NOT) BE TAKEN UNTIL AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE
SAG AGENCIES. HE PROMISED TO INITIATE SUCH CONSULTATIONS AND
ADVISE EMBASSY OF OUTCOME.

2. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, STERBAN NOTED THAT SAG HAD ANTICIPATED
JAPANESE ACTION AND POSSIBLY SIMILAR ACTION BY USSR. HE SAID THAT
AS GENERAL POLICY, SAG OPPOSES TOTAL MORATORIUM ON WHALING BUT
SUPPORTS APPROPRIATE CONSERVATION MEASURES. PROBLEM AS THEY SEE
IT IS LACK OF ACCURATE SCIENTIFIC INFO ON WHALE POPULATION AND
TRENDS. IN THIS CONTEXT, THEY ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO IWC
AS INFO GATHERING BODY AND WOULD NOT (RPT NOT) LIKE TO SEE ANY
DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WOULD WEAKEN ORGANIZATION. INCLUDED IN
LATTER IS SETTING OF QTE TOO STRICT UNQTE STANDARDS WHICH COULD
LEAD TO PROLIFERATION OF JAPANESE-LIKE OBJECTIONS OR POSSIBLY
WITHDRAWAL OF COUNTRIES FROM ORGANIZATION.

3. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FINAL SAG DECISION WHEN AVAILABLE.
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